aircrafts VT-EDZ on Bombay-Delhi sector; and

(c) if so, whether any enquiry has so far been conducted if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Investigations by DGCA revealed that while operating the flights mentioned, there was no violation of the minimum weather conditions prescribed by the DGCA.

Investigation into the tail strike incident revealed that the tail of Indian Airlines A-300 aircraft, VT-EDZ had made a light contact with the runway during the flight IC-185 of 31-10-93.

Destination Preferred by Foreign Tourists

3092. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India receives foreign tourists from different parts of the world, who have different preferences and testes in matters of tourist destinations and if so, what are the major categories of foreign tourists according to their preference for tourist destination in India;

(b) whether there is a definite category of foreign tourists who prefer destinations where they can enjoy solitude of a high degree of peace of mind and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the major tourist destinations which can offer solitude and what steps Government are taking to ensure that these destinations do not get over commmercialised and lose their character?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The major categories of foreign tourists are culture seekers, holiday makers, business tourists, adventure tourists etc.

(b) Some tourists are nature lovers who enjoy solitude and peace.

(c) Islands and hills without any habitation offer solitude and peace to tourists. The development of tourism in such areas are subject to environmental guidelines and carrying capacity.

Aircrafts on Domestic Routes

3093. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many aircrafts are on domestic routes;

(b) how many daily schedules thereof are there;

(c) what are the companies operating them; and

(d) what are the routes, companywise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Indian Airlines operates scheduled services to 54 destinations in the country with a fleet strength of 53 aircraft. Schedule of flights of Indian Airlines is published periodically.

Tourism Proposals of Andhra Pradesh

3094. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the tourism proposals from Andhra Pradesh that are pending for clearance; and

(b) what is their status?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Nine project proposals amounting to Rs. 91.85 lakhs have been sanctioned during 1993-94. In respect of the remaining two proposals, clarification has been sought from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.